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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Sonic is our local ISP that has grown to serve this community in a superior fashion. They give us personal service that we truly appreciate. Most of my friends use them as they the best ISP by far in our county. We hear many, many complaints on from friends using the "Brand-Name" services. We have this really good company because they were allowed to use the unbundled network elements. We have been awaiting the day that they get to our neighborhood with fiber, as we now get along with DSL. We live in the biggest city in the area, but have not yet been upgraded.

Limiting our choice for broadband, which has become essential to our way of life, to only the big providers is grossly unfair to the American principle of market capitalism. Smaller business is the backbone of American commerce and community. We need the competition that Sonic provides our community. We need the personal service they provide at a reasonable cost.

Disallowing the continuing growth of Sonic by taking away the access we currently rely on, the unbundled network elements, is a power play on the part of AT&T to limit competition. As I understand it, that will likely cut off a major portion of Sonic's customers from their service. We could only hope that we would not be among those who would suffer that fate, but it looks like we will be kicked off. I do not completely understand the technology involved, so I apologise for any errors here. All I know is that making it virtually impossible for our nation's communications networks to grow in a competitive environment is a disservice to all Americans, small businesses and users alike.

We need our broadband. We need our Sonic. We need price competition. We urge you to deny this effort to repeal provisions of 1996 Telecommunications Act, access to "copper as a bridge to fiber" for the betterment of us all.

Thank you for your time,

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